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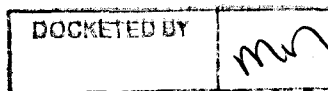
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RE: Docket E-01345A-13-0069 Opt-out Schedule

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Dear Sirs/Madams:



I am writing to express my concerns about the plan of Arizona Public Service (APS) to charge fees to individuals who choose to opt out of having a Smart Meter.

For several years, I operated a hotline for those with Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS). Many who suffer from MCS also suffer from a moderate to acute sensitivity to certain mild electromagnetic or microwave fields. I have seen a number of very severe cases. For example, I have known a woman to collapse while walking outside of a building which contained an operating microwave oven. I have caught a woman in my arms who had talked too long on a telephone for her tolerance, and collapsed in a seizure. I knew someone else who had a seizure when someone standing next to her had his cell phone go off. I have counseled many people unable to live in modern housing due to their excruciating sensitivity to these electric and microwave fields.

These individuals are typically disabled by their conditions and are living on some type of meager disability income. Most of the time, they are the poorest of the poor. I am opposed to forcing these already impoverished, suffering individuals to pay higher fees in order to avoid the harm to themselves caused by the APS Smart Meters. The fact that these Smart Meters broadcast makes them more invasive and dangerous to these sensitive individuals. My view is that APS should be willing to free these individuals of the risk of Smart Meters at no charge. I think it is especially objectionable that instead of there being just a one-time fee, that there is an on-going charge that I know would be burdensome to these impoverished individuals. I hope the Arizona Corporation Commission will say "NO" to fees charged to this group of medically fragile people. Thank you!

Yours truly,

S. Elaine Sisler, Director